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SUBJ: VISIT OF COL. Y.D.F. ELSTAK, COMMANDER-DESIGNATE OF
SURINAM ARMY

REF : A. PARAMARIBO 0247; B. YOUR 071513Z JUN 75 ZEX (NOTAL);
C. PARAMARIBO 0237

1. ELSTAK CONTINUES ANXIOUS MAKE OBSERVATION VISIT TO JUNGLE
OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER (JOTC) WELL BEFORE NOV 25 INDEPENDENCE
DATE. HE HAS REPEATEDLY APPROACHED US ABOUT THIS SINCE CANCEL-
LATION EARLIER PLANS. I STRONGLY URGE AFFIRMATIVE REPLY SOONEST
TO REF A WHICH REQUESTS SCHEDULE OF JOTC COURSES FOR FY 76 AND
CONCURRENCE THAT ELSTAK MAY VISIT JOTC FOR BRIEF ORIENTATION ON
DATE TO BE ARRANGED. GOS WILL PROVIDE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE.

2. AS WE NOTED REF A, COLONEL ELSTAK IS PRESENTLY DESIGNATED AS
COMMANDER OF NEW SURINAM ARMY, TO TAKE OVER ON NOV. 25TH.
A CREOLE BORN IN SURINAM, ELSTAK IS VETERAN REGULAR DUTCH ARMY
OFFICER, PRO-WESTERN, FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED
STATES. APPROVAL OF ORIENTATION HE HAS REQUESTED WOULD REPRESENT
FORTHCOMING, LOW-COST, LOW-PROFILE GESTURE TOWARD NEW
COMMANDER WHO ALREADY ON FRIENDLY FOOTING WITH LOCAL AMERICAN
OFFICIALS. HE, OF COURSE, WILL HAVE MAJOR ROLE IN SHAPING VIEWS
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AND FORMING ORIENTATION OF INDEPENDENT SURINAM MILITARY FORCE.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: BACKGROUND TO CANCELLATION OF VISIT MENTIONED
REF A IS CONTAINED IN REF B. TEXT REPEATED HEREWITH FOR YOUR
INFORMATION:

1. (C) REFERENCE A PROVIDED YOUR OFFICE WITH COPY OF LETTER
REFERENCE B, WHICH OUTLINED PROCEDURE FOR COL ELSTAK TO
OBTAIN SURINAM EXCHANGE PROGRAM.
 2. (C) REFERENCE C, SENT DIRECT FROM JOTC WITHOUT PRIOR
COORDINATION WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS.
 3. (C) RECOMMEND YOU ADVISE COL ELSTAK THAT PRIOR TO VISIT
TO JOTC THAT HE SHOULD INITIATE REQUEST FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM
AS INDICATED IN REFERENCE B.
 4. IN ADDITION, PROPOSED DATE OF ARRIVAL, 14 JUN, IS "ARMY'S
200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION" 193D INF BDE (CZ) WILL BE FULLY
COMMITTED TO FORMATIONS AND FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH OCCASION.
JUNGLE OPERATION COURSE SCHEDULED FOR 15 JUNE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
 5. ONCE PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE B HAVE BEEN COM-
PLETED, THIS HEADQUARTERS WILW DO EVERY THING POSSIBWE
TO ASSIST COL ELSTAK IN ARRANGING A VISIT AT SOME FUTURE DATE.
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